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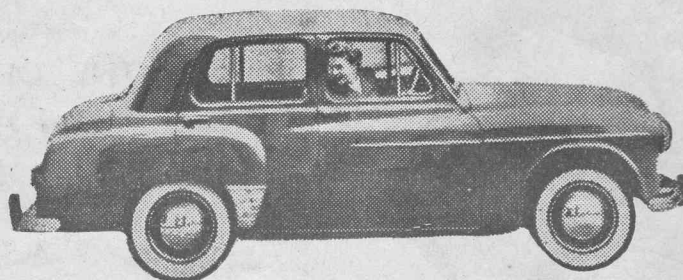
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Saturday, April 30, 1955.

MELBOURNE MAY GIVE AWAY FOUR O.G. SOCCER GAMES

Four of the Soccer fixtures at the Melbourne Olympic Games in 1956 may be played outside of Melbourne — even outside Victoria.

The Australian Soccer Association will suggest to the Olympic Organising Committee when the two bodies meet soon that two games be played in Sydney, one in Adelaide, and one in Brisbane.

The chairman of the Victorian Soccer Council, Bill Thomas, made it clear last week that the Australian body was not robbing Victoria of four of the games. They would only play games elsewhere on days when two games were scheduled in Melbourne.

Only Olympic Park

Olympic Park is the only stadium as yet set aside for the playing of Soccer up to the semi-final stage. The semi-finals and final will be played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

For the early games, plans are being made to have them kick-off at 4.30. By then, it will be cool enough not to cause the players too much discomfort.

It will also give city workers a chance to see Soccer, while they might not be prepared to take time off to see a game earlier in the day.

And, by starting so late, it would be possible to catch quite a large part of the crowd from the M.C.G., which would be packed until late afternoon for the athletics.

If two games have to be played, either one must start in the morning, in great heat, and with little crowd, or two must run concur-

rently on different grounds. As yet, no other ground is available.

A Money-Maker

The Australian body considers that the expense of flying two teams, even as far as Brisbane, for a game would be easily recovered by the huge crowds which would attend the games in the distant cities. There would be no counter attractions there.

The result would mean a gain on Soccer games for the Olympic organisers and a boost for Soccer right throughout the country, rather than just in Victoria.

Who Wants an Arsenal Man?

A former Arsenal player, Paddy Sloane, wishes to come to Australia as a Soccer coach.

Any club who wants to engage him would have to find him a job, although he is prepared to come through the immigration scheme.

Mr. Nat. Rothfield, who has references from Highbury in London, speaking highly of Paddy Sloane's capabilities, is prepared to give Mr. Sloane's present address to any club which can convince him it is seriously interested in bringing Mr. Sloane here as a coach.

Mr. Sloane would wish to bring his wife and family with him.

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Soccer — and Bikes — for Charity Tomorrow

The Sunday International Committee's Laidlaw Cup series begins at Toorak Oval to-morrow afternoon.

There will be two games—Scotland v. Yugoslavia and Italy v. Latvia, beginning at 1.15.

Between the games there will be a game of Bicycle Soccer, played by two teams from pedal clubs.

All proceeds from the day will go to Prince Henry's Hospital building fund.

V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

DOCKERTY AND HARRY ARMSTRONG CUPS

Entries for the above cups will close on May 5, 1955. Clubs wishing to enter should note the following instructions.

DOCKERTY CUP: All clubs playing in Divisions 1, 2, 3, and Metropolitan North and South will be automatically included.

If any club in the above-mentioned sections does not wish to enter a team, the Secretary of the Association must be notified prior to Wednesday, May 4.

Clubs in other than these divisions must apply in writing and enclose entrance fee of 20/- (twenty shillings).

HARRY ARMSTRONG CUP: All reserve teams playing in the Invitation Leagues 1, 2, and 3 will be automatically included in the draw. Clubs not wishing to enter a reserve team must notify the Secretary of the Association not later than Wednesday, May 4.

Any further particulars may be obtained by contacting the Secretary at BJ 3557.

SUB-COMMITTEES

At the time of going to press, the following applications have been received for positions on Sub-committees for season 1955:

LEAGUE MANAGEMENT: J. Sutcliffe (Dandenong Rovers), T. Buist (Box Hill), K. Defris (Hakoah), E. Duck (George Cross), T. Lezon (Polonia), G. Duncan (Prahran), J. Chesters (Heidelberg), N. Spicer (Maccabi), O. Pecnik (Moreland).

PUBLICITY: G. Govaars (Dandenong), Z. Dachs (Polonia), J. Gray (Park Rangers), F. Marks (Maccabi).

STATE SELECTION: R. Brown (Box Hill), W. Fleming (of "The Argus").

SUNDAY INTERNATIONAL: J. Stephens (Park Rangers), H. Goldenfein (Maccabi).

As nominations are now closed, Council will advise elected members in due course.

ON RECORD

It is worth mentioning the unique achievement of goal-keeper Szacsuri, of Preston, last Saturday. From his own goal area he booted the ball, it bounced once, and then landed in the back of the South Melbourne net. This is the second time a goal-keeper has scored for the Preston team.

S. BEATON.

So You're Not Satisfied . . .

Enough of this grumbling!

All season, every season, it is the same. Clubs grumble at the Soccer Council. Members grumble at their club administration. And the Council itself grumbles at clubs.

None of these grumbles are without grounds. Neither the administration of the clubs themselves or of Soccer by the Council is all that it might be. The Council is ready to admit this, but are the clubs?

The answer lies with the club members themselves. If they choose to use their privileges, they could throw out every member of their club administration, and the new administrations, in their turn, could turn out every member of the present Council.

Now let's see what is wrong.

There are clubs which think only of themselves and nothing of the game as a whole. These are the clubs who usually cry that the Council does not give them enough support in ventures of their own.

The Council tries to look at each venture objectively. Perhaps their view is wrong, but YOU elected them. If you don't think their views are right, why did you do it?

There are clubs who will not co-operate with the Council. These are the clubs that undertake responsibilities and will not carry them out. They are late with their payments, tardy in correspondence, and ready to forget to do many jobs which ought to be done.

If you say it is the club secretary's job to write the letters and the treasurer's job to pay the bills, once more YOU elected them. It is up to you to see that they do it.

"Soccer News" is trying to give you, as Soccer players and followers, a picture of what happens in the Council. If you disagree or don't like it, don't blame the Council. Blame yourselves.

A Soccer body is the same as any other. Once you have elected them, you must abide by their decisions. You are not playing the game if you do not.

But your interest in Soccer must be very shallow or very one-eyed if you know where things could be improved and do nothing about it.

The Council invites criticism. Only by that means does it learn of its own mistakes, or what clubs think it is doing wrong. But it will not tolerate deliberate obstruction or back-biting, so that any club that offends can expect heavy penalties.

"Soccer News" is the magazine of the Soccer Association. It is open to any reasonable criticism about anything to do with Soccer, including the Council. It is your own fault if you do not take advantage of it.

If there are no complaints, the Council members must be right in assuming that what they are doing meets with the approval of all clubs.

EDITOR.

YOU CAN SOON LAY-BY GAMES TICKETS

Within a few weeks, maybe days, clubs will be told of the Soccer Association's plan for lay-bying or cash-buying Olympic Games tickets.

Each club will be told that so many tickets are available for them. These may be taken by the club for cash, or lay-bys can be arranged.

Distribution will be through a Melbourne departmental store.

The Treasurer of the Soccer Association, Mr. Alex. Kerr, told "Soccer News" last week that £1100 worth of tickets, at all prices, had been bought by the Association for all games to be played at Olympic Park, and for the semi-finals and finals at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

The only seats not available are the top-priced ones for the final, which in on the closing day of the Games. All the best seats — those in the Members' Stand — are already issued at concession prices and preferential bookings, to members of the M.C.C.

The Soccer Association's application for nine preferential bookings in that stand for members of the Australian Soccer Association, was refused.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, is the night.

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Ooh—aah! What these two players, Ressler, of Hakoah (left) and Lawrie, of Polonia (right) were saying or thinking will never be known, but the expressions on their faces were descriptive enough. It happened Saturday week at Campbell Reserve. They both tried hard, but neither of them managed to get to this ball.

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from Spotter



Dear Mr. Beaton,

My remarks with regard to Wilhelmina were not directed at the control or organisation of the club, which I am sure are both good. I was tilting at the ridiculous system of promotion and relegation which at present exists.

I don't want to get into a long debate with you, Mr. Beaton, so I will try in a simple way to outline a scheme for promotion and relegation which I am sure you will agree is better than at present, and would be better for Soccer as a whole.

1. One club only to be promoted each year.

2. This club, after winning promotion, must satisfy the Association that it has the necessary facilities to warrant its inclusion in a higher division. These, I imagine, should be finance, grounds, dressing sheds, and, not least by any means, juniors.

3. This club must win its division on points, not goal average, and any ties would be decided by a play-off.

I have checked my facts, Mr. Beaton, and checked them over a number of years.

My memory recalls that, a few years back, a club which won the Dockerty Cup was relegated on goal average alone. There was another case where a team's relegation depended on a re-played match between two other teams, which was a farce, as one of the teams fielded only seven regular players.

The members of the club to be relegated stood on the side line, watching another club which couldn't care less shove them down to the Second Division.

At present, F.N.D., who chose, at their own request, to remain in the Third Division, although they won promotion last year, are

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an asset to those clubs seeking promotion this year, because they provide good games for goal average boosting.

I may not have the whole answer to the problem, Mr. Beaton, but let us both, as lovers of the game, try to do something to strengthen Soccer here.

I mentioned the struggle there will be to win promotion from the Third Division this year. It will be a struggle, too. There should be a really good game this very afternoon, when Sandringham and Wilhelmina meet at Olive Street.



Many of us old fogeys will remember Tommy Sharp. Tommy, who must be nearing pension time, stripped for South Yarra on Saturday.

He represented Victoria as a goal-keeper many years ago, and, since then, has been a hard worker on South Yarra's committee.



After four weeks' "Soccer News" have been sent out, it has been found that some clubs which

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have not changed their orders since the first issue have not troubled to pick up their supplies at the nearest railway station. They have just left them there ever since.

These clubs are in for a surprise, believe you me.

A club secretary must be terribly busy if he cannot spare half an hour, or maybe less, on a Saturday morning to go down to the station to pick up a parcel. At least he could see that someone picked it up. It would be another matter if it was a couple of bottles to be picked up.



A friend of mine (one of the few) had ideas of starting a Rules club in Bentleigh. After a lot of searching, he found a ground, but, when he went to the Moorabbin Council, he was told that it had been reserved for a Soccer club.

This club, so I am told, is to apply to the Soccer Council next year for entry to the Association. Does anybody know who they are? We could do with them this season, ground and all.



There is certainly confusion in the junior ranks. One club with a strong Under 17 side, was told by telegram that it would not play on Saturday. Its opponents were told that it had been withdrawn.

Another club, which told the Association that it wished to withdraw, was ordered, also by telegram, to play on the following day.

Isn't it time that the juniors got together and put their house in order, before bleating to the seniors for money?

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NOW, NOW, MR. BEATON . . .

Peninsular Soccer is NOT Collapsing

Mr. Beaton's article in last week's "Soccer News" made interesting reading, and — up to a point — I agree with what he has to say about Soccer on the Mornington Peninsula.

Up to a point! Beyond that point I would say that Soccer is definitely NOT collapsing on the Peninsula — nor will it, so long as there are eleven men and a ball left down here.

Admittedly, it has been bad luck losing Sorrento, but here, Mr. Beaton must realise that most of their team last year was made up of men from the Army who happened to be stationed at Sorrento at the time.

This season, unfortunately, most of these men have been posted away from the district, and the few remaining members of the Sorrento club, whilst being most enthusiastic, are insufficient in numbers to make up a team.

No Entries

As regards to the 1954 Dockerty Cup competition, for which Mr. Beaton says not one club from the Peninsula entered, I would state that, to my knowledge, no Peninsula club, or at least no club in the Peninsula Soccer League, which at the time was the controlling body down here, was even notified about the closing date for entries to the cup competition.

Whether that was the fault of the Peninsula S.A. or of the parent body in Melbourne, I would not care to guess, but it explains why no Peninsula club sent in an entry.

Mr. Beaton, Please Check

Another point on which I wish to disagree with Mr. Beaton is his statement that last year, after the folding up of the P.S.L., only one club, "namely, Sorrento," made application to be admitted to the Metropolitan League.

I say that Rosebud also made written application, not once, but on several occasions, to be considered for entry into the Metropolitan League. As a result of these applications, a Provisional

League knock-out cup competition was staged, to which Rosebud — and Sorrento — were admitted.

Strength Before Numbers

Personally, and this is my own view, and not that of the Rosebud Club, I feel that it is much better to have one strong and efficient club functioning down here than three or four weak clubs made up of servicemen who happen to be passing through at the time.

I can assure Mr. Beaton that Soccer on the Peninsula is quite a healthy baby, and he can rest assured that Rosebud will do its part in keeping it alive.

It won't be easy — there are acute teething troubles in the form of finance, travelling, an uphill fight to hold on to the ground — but, with the full co-operation of the V.A.S.A., and it must be FULL co-operation, the Soccer flag is going to keep flying down here for many a year to come.

C. A. HORNE,
Secretary, Rosebud S.C.

Yearbook Mistake

The secretary of the Rosebud Soccer Club has advised "Soccer News" that the details given in the handbook concerning the club's secretary are wrong.

It should not read: Secretary, A. Brant, Arcade Buildings, Rosebud (telephone 593).

Mr. Brant is the club's president.

The secretary is: Mr. C. A. Horne, "Harpendene," McComb Street, Rosebud. Telephone 235 (day) and 583 (night).

Will club secretaries please make this correction.

Social Group at Hakoah

There will be a bright future for Hakoah Club supporters. The first social outing of the season, to Healesville last Sunday, was a great success, but it will not be the last.

Fifty club members went along, in 20 cars. The party was so enthusiastic that more outings were decided on. These will be largely arranged by the ladies' social committee, which was elected on the spot.

Mrs. Tom Jack will be the chairwoman, and Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Weill the vice-presidents.

B.W.R. Withdraws

Mr. Hrusa, secretary of B.W.R. Club, has notified the V.A.S.F.A. secretary, Mr. Beaton, that his club has withdrawn from the Metropolitan South League, as of last Saturday.

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The lights were flickering in the Latrobe Valley, but now they are burning brightly again as—

THREE NEW TEAMS JOIN THE LEAGUE

Three new clubs have entered Latrobe Valley's senior competition this season, and, although they have not scored many points, they have done well in their games so far.

Those new clubs are Morwell Rangers, Lurgi Rangers, and Red Triangle, and have shown that they can play good Soccer.

Eight teams are taking part this year. It would have been ten, but for the withdrawal of two of last year's clubs, A.P.M. and R.A.A.F. But Latrobe hopes that both will be back with us again next year.



Morwell Rangers put up a good show against last year's champions, Morwell, to lose by the odd goal in five, and Lurgi Rangers gave the strong Tigers a shock by holding them to a 1-0 win, that one coming from an own goal.

The results of senior games played to date are:—

April 16.—Moe United 6, Lurgi Rangers 0; Morwell 3, Morwell Rangers 2; Tigers 3, Sale United 0; Yallourn "A" 5, Red Triangle 2.

April 23.—Lurgi Rangers 0, Tigers 1; Sale United 1, Moe United 1; Red Triangle 1, Morwell 11; Morwell Rangers 2, Yallourn "A" 5.

Games for to-day are:—

Morwell v. Sale United.
Tigers v. Morwell Rangers.
Moe United v. Red Triangle.
Yallourn "A" v. Lurgi Rangers.

A Junior Association has been formed in the Latrobe Valley, and it is hoped that senior clubs will play their part in this determined effort to foster the game amongst the schoolboys.

FRANK McIVER,
Secretary, L.V.A.S.F.A.

Points Table

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Tigers	2	2	0	0	4	0	4
Morwell	2	2	0	0	14	3	4
Yallourn "A"	2	2	0	0	9	4	4
Moe United	2	1	1	0	7	1	3
Sale United	2	0	1	1	1	4	1
Moe Rangers	2	0	0	2	4	7	0
Red Triangle	2	0	0	2	3	16	0
Lurgi Rangers	2	0	0	2	0	17	0

JUNIORS — Take Note

All club delegates, please note that the next general meeting is on Tuesday, May 3, at 8 p.m., at Scott's Hotel.

Also, the secretary's address, wrongly printed in the year-book, should be 3 Alma Grove.

Club managers, please send results to reach me by the Monday after the match. So far, some have been very lax. It is impossible to print the League ladder each week unless this is done, and of course points can only be awarded for results obtained.

Most clubs have so far co-operated, but others have not. Unless results are forwarded, points will not be awarded.

It is also necessary for clubs claiming points to claim them immediately after a match, in writing. Unless they are claimed in this way, they will not be awarded.

Italian Juniors

A welcome to Juventus, fielding an Under 20 team, and South Yarra fielding an Under 14 team. It is noticeable that several high scores have been netted so far in all grades.

While there's nothing in the laws about this, it would well be given thought that, when scores over 10 are recorded, the effect on the losing team is far from heartening, especially to juniors.

Nothing makes them lose interest quicker. So what about it, clubs? When you have your opposition hopelessly overpowered, spare them a thought, and put yourselves in their place.

Premierships are not decided on goal average in junior Leagues. The Senior Council, which controls the broadcasts, has been requested to give some radio time to the Junior Association. We now await their reply.

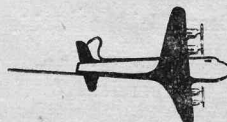
Preston has now been put in to the Under 15 League, leaving a bye in the Under 14.

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Hakoah v. George Cross.
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Second Division

Park Rangers v. Preston.
Vic. Colts v. South Melbourne.
Maccabi v. Sunshine City.
Slavia v. Prahran.
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Third Division

Dandenong v. Williamstown.
Wilhelmina v. Richmond.
Moorabbin City v. Sandringham.
F.N.D. v. Hellenic.
Sunshine United v. Frankston.

Metropolitan North

University v. Coburg.
St. Kilda v. Heidelberg.
U.Y.D. v. Fairfield.
Lions v. Bayswater.

Metropolitan South

Port Melbourne v. Brunswick.
Rosebud v. St. Albans.
Yarra Park v. Croatia.

All entries will be opened and checked. No correspondence will be entered into with regard to results or prizes. Thursday's postmark will be evidence of legal entry. Members of the Soccer Council, their wives and families, and members of the staff of Soccer News and their wives and families, may not enter.

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MARRIAGE — A Curse on it

Marriage has been blamed for many things in the past, but perhaps it is something new for a Soccer club to blame it for heavy defeats.

It is true that marriages have been the cause of more than a little team disorganisation so far this season. The committee will be very pleased when two of the players have settled down, not only to married life, but also to playing Soccer again.

Paddy Mulcahy missed two Saturdays — one getting ready, and the other getting married. That was the centre-forward out.

George Orr, the Scottish outside left, was also married on a Saturday. It was such a serious business, that he had to take goalkeeper Billy Steele along with him.

But the deeds are now done, and the club hopes that having wives does not affect the play of these boys too much. In fact, it hopes for an improvement. They certainly welcome them back — and their wives as supporters.

It Happened at South Yarra

The sympathies of South Yarra club members (and all Soccer followers) go out to Bob Mitchell, whose father passed away in England last week.

The "Old Man of Soccer," Sandy Duff, is not inactive, even in retirement. Sandy is now coaching the South Yarra Under 17 team. Keep up the good work, Sandy.

Another well-known Soccer personality, Bill Howes, the former referee, has taken up coaching. His particular charge is South Yarra's Under 14 side. What a handful.

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Maltese Worried About Poor Form

The falling off in standard of George Cross, which has been going on for some time, is unfortunate, as a strong eleven will be needed to meet the powerful Polish team.

This is not meant to be a cold shower for those lads who are keen to measure their talents against the Poles, but a condemnation of those who stand on the side and watch the decline of the game without doing anything to stop it.

The George Cross defence is off form, especially Camilleri in goal, but Muscat and Mosca, both newcomers to the side, are playing well.

Calleja Gives Up

Veteran J. B. Calleja has hung up his boots since the Yallourn game, and the club members and supporters have tried in vain to coax him back.

Congratulations to the Under 20 side for its two successive wins, and especially to Mr. R. Debono for the work he is doing with the lads. Keep it up.

I suggest that the club's officials start to wake up and do something to strengthen the club and revive its form before it is too late.

MALTESE SUPPORTER.

Dutch Club Now Has TWO Grounds

Wilhelmina has christened its second ground in Survey Park, Richmond. The club thanks the Richmond City Council for its co-operation, and is very grateful for the ground, which has been needed for a long time.

If Wilhelmina is able to carry out its plans for ground improvements, the field will become one of the best in the lower divisions, and may be one of the best in Victoria.

Last week, the club's first side had its first really hard game. It was against Hellenic, and it was not until the last 15 minutes that the Dutchmen could get their noses in front.

Till then, the score was 3-all.

Congratulations, Hellenic, on having the best centre-forward in the Third Division, and probably in the whole League. He was wonderful.

Congratulations, also, to the enthusiastic Hellenic committee for its co-operation, and control of team and crowd.

Charity Game at Rosebud

Rosebud Club will stage a charity game against Box Hill on Rosebud oval on Mother's Day, May 8. Proceeds will go to the local hospital appeal fund.

So, if you're thinking of spending a day by the Bay on that Sunday, why not go to Rosebud and see the Soccer as well. Both the club and the hospital authorities would welcome your support.

Preston Soccer Club

has vacancies in its team for half-backs and forwards.

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AN OPEN LETTER TO

JOHN OLIPHANT

Dear John,

I have been very interested to hear your opinions of Soccer in general, and players and games in particular, as broadcast over 3XY on a Saturday evening.

I have no axe to grind with you. I scarcely know you, and you probably know me even less, but I am sure you are not so firm in your ideas that you will not take seriously a little advice.

Damning criticisms, such as you have made of the standard of Soccer here, should not be made to the public over the radio networks. "Soccer News" should surely be the medium for vitriolic outbursts against teams and players. I presume that the Editor has the right to censor anything which he considers to be libellous.

Washing Soccer's dirty linen in public is no good. No one blames you for being incensed when a team plays a "dirty" game. But surely it is enough to say on the radio that such and such a team lost because they played the man instead of the ball, without telling the public in general the extent of the dirt which, unfortunately, exists in senior Soccer matches.

Two weeks ago, I heard you deliver an outburst against a George Cross player because nature had made him too small. You may be pleased to hear that that player has now hung up his boots. I am not pleased. Good players, and keen, are too few in Victoria for them to be laughed out of the game by a radio announcer.

Take a tip, John. Keep your personal comments to yourself. All credit to you for organising the programme, as I am sure you

have done, but you are not a publicity man.

Please be big enough to give Soccer, teams and players, a break by confining your activities to the organising jobs which you seem to be able to do well, and leave the announcing to those who are qualified to do it.

A LISTENER.

A Club Says "Thank You"

A letter from Williamstown to Sandringham after their game:—

I wish to express thanks on behalf of myself, the President and players, to your first aid man for coming to the assistance of two of our players in Saturday's match when they met with mishaps.

This aid was so readily given and was much appreciated by all concerned, that we feel it our duty not to let it go unnoticed. Please convey our sincere thanks to your trainer.

Also, we could not help but admire the perfect state of the playing field. It is a credit to the club. Lastly, we all very much enjoyed the game, and felt satisfied with the result. We look forward to the return game at Mad-dox Road.

T. HIGGINS,
Williamstown Secretary.

MEMO ALL CLUBS RE SELECTION

To all committees of Second and Third Division teams:—

Committee members of other teams playing Second and Third Division will most probably agree with me that they would like their top players to have a chance to play stronger games and have a chance for selection in the State Eleven.

These top players, who faithfully keep defending their club colours, are often approached by First Division teams to join their ranks, and to some less club-conscious players the attraction to play First Division and play under the floodlights is too great.

We can't blame the State Selection Committee looking mainly among the First Division for their representatives, because it is impossible for them to watch all games.

Why not help the S.S.C. ourselves, and our top players, by playing trial games, or select one or two teams representing the Second and Third Divisions, and present these to the committee.

I'm also hoping later for the assistance and advice of Mr. Len Young.

Will those who are interested in co-operating, please ring me at MB 3311 (office) or WL 1604 (after 7 p.m.), so that a meeting can be arranged as soon as possible.

J. VAN HOBOKEN,
President, Wilhelmina.

Junior League table will begin next week, when more than one game will have been played. — Editor.

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Of This and That

Footscray City reports that Joe Hall, who broke his leg in the reserve game against Juventus, is doing well, but will be in hospital for a few more weeks yet.

Box Hill's barbecue was a great success. Many players from the club's six teams were there. The club has three senior and three junior teams in competitions this season.

Yallourn captain and centre-half, J. Roberts, who injured a leg two weeks ago against Footscray City, hopes to be fit for to-day's game against Juventus.

Geelong, while congratulating left half, A. Bear, on becoming a father, hopes that the newcomer in the family will not rob him of all chance of playing Soccer.

Sunshine City reports that its club and first team are settling down well, and they have "quiet confidence" in their ability to win a lot of games.

Polonia will hold its first ball of the season in Prahran Town Hall on June 11, a Saturday night. The note to "Soccer News" says that the Press will be invited. "Soccer News" staff members are wondering if this magazine is rated as "Press."

I.A.M.A. - Geelong Not Discouraged

Two consecutive defeats haven't affected yet the courage and the form of the Geelong team, which has much improved since last year.

Lack of suitable grounds, scarce publicity and inadequate time allotted for training — all difficulties well known to the organisers of new teams — have been against the brave Geelong boys.

But the president of the I.A.M.A. Geelong Soccer Club, Mr. G. Sitar, is aware of the needs of his team, and is sure that the following matches won't disappoint the Geelong fans.

Defeats have strengthened the team's formation, and have contributed to the player's experience. The boys are willing to learn the hard way.

The secretary, Mr. Savo, and the coach, Mr. Zucchelli, are quite

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confident in the future of this young team, and are hopeful to get a new playing ground, better facilities, and to give the players a sounder training.

New Players

A feature of this club is the number of applications from intending players. This situation shows enthusiasm and interest for the activities of the club.

The policy is to keep to the present players and not to change them every fortnight, as it is in the habit of many Soccer teams. At this stage, Geelong can't take any chances.

As a Second Division team, I.A.M.A.-Geelong has one goal—the First Division. You are still in time, boys. To-morrow may be too late.

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Victorian

First Division

Moreland 0, Juventus 3.
Yallourn 3, Footscray 0.
J.U.S.T. 9, George Cross 1.
Polonia 3, Box Hill 0.
Brighton 1, Hakoah 5.

Second Division

Preston 1, South Melbourne 4.
Park Rangers 0, Sunshine City 1.
Vic. Colts 1, Prahran 5.
Maccabi 1, South Yarra 1.
Geelong 1, Slavia 6.

Third Division

Williamstown 2, Richmond 3.
Dandenong 0, Sand'ham City 7.
Wilhelmina 5, Hellenic 3.
Moorabbin City 3, Frankston 3.
Sunshine United 5, F.N.D. 0.

Metropolitan North

I.C.I. 2, Coburg 2.
University 0, Fairfield 2.
Lions, w.o. U.Y.D.

Metropolitan South

Brunswick 3, St. Albans 0.
Port Melbourne 3, Croatia 2.
Rosebud 4, Astor 2.
Yarra Park, w.o. B.W.R.

First Invitation League

Moreland 1, Juventus 0.
Yallourn 0, Footscray City 1.
J.U.S.T. 0, George Cross 2
(abandoned 77th minute).
Polonia 5, Box Hill 2.
Brighton 2, Hakoah 0.

Second Invitation League

Preston 2, South Melbourne 1.
Park Rangers 0, Sunshine City 5.
Wilhelmina 1, Prahran 3.
Maccabi 2, South Yarra 6.
Geelong 3, Slavia 2.

Third Invitation League

South Yarra 2, Moorabbin City 4.
Box Hill 0, Sunshine United 1.
Hellenic 9, Wilhelmina 3.
Coburg 2, Heidelberg 0.
Sand'ham City 4, Williamstown 0.

N.S.W.

State League

Balgownie 4, North Shore 1.
Canterbury 5, Woonona 2.
Leichhardt 2, Gladesville 0.
Bankstown 2, Glanville 0.

State League Reserves

Canterbury-Avoca 6, Woonona Rovers 0.
Balgownie-Albion 4, North Sydney 3.
Leichhardt Waratahs 8, Gladesville Athletic 1.

Southern League

Division 1

Prague 4, Guildford 0.
St. George 4, Concord 3.
Manly-Warringah 1, Hornsby-Epping 0.
Sydney-Austral 8, Hakoah 0.
Europa 3, Eastern Suburbs 1.

Division 2.

Polonia 2, St. Peter's 1.
Sutherland 6, Balmain 2.
Lane Cove 2, Regent's Park 2.

Southern Reserves

Guildford Wanderers 4, Slavia 3.
Manly Vale 3, Waitara 2.
Hakoah Star 2, Hollandia 1.
St. Peters-Waratah 6, Polmadie 0.
St. George-Albions 4, Concord Thistles 2.
Europa-United 3, Eastern-Athletic 3.
Sutherland Casuals 2, Pyrmont Rangers 1.
Longueville 1, Regent Rovers 1.
Lane Cove 1, Regent's Park 1.

OTHER GAMES

Europa United 3, Eastern Athletics 3.
Granville Royals 7, Bankstown Rangers 1.

NORTHERN DIVISION

Adamstown 1, Merewether 0.
Lake Macquarie 3, Weston 2.

BRITISH

Division One

Arsenal 2, Manchester United 3; Burnley 0, Sunderland 1; Cardiff City 1, Portsmouth 1; Chelsea 3, Sheffield Wednesday 0; Everton 2, Charlton Athletic 2; Leicester City 2, Tottenham Hotspur 0; Manchester City 1, Blackpool 6; Newcastle United 0, Bolton Wanderers 0; Preston North End 0, Aston Villa 3; Sheffield United 1, Wolverhampton Wanderers 2; West Bromwich Albion 2, Huddersfield Town 1.

Division Two

Birmingham City 1, Notts County 1; Bury 4, West Ham United 1; Hull City 1, Doncaster Rovers 1; Ipswich Town 1, Swansea Town 1; Leeds United 3, Blackburn Rovers 0; Lincoln City 3, Derby County 0; Luton Town 4, Port Vale 2; Middlesbrough 1, Liverpool 2; Nottingham Forest 2, Fulham 0; Rotherham United 2, Plymouth Argyle 0; Stoke 2, Bristol Rovers 0.

Division Three South

Brentford 3, Watford 2; Brighton and Hove 1, Bournemouth 1; Bristol City 0, Newport County 0; Coventry City 0, Northampton Town 0; Gillingham 1, Southend United 1; Leyton Orient 1, Aldershot 5; Millwall 1, Swindon Town 0; Reading 1, Norwich City 1; Shrewsbury Town 2, Colchester United 0; Southampton 2, Crystal Palace 2; Torquay United 3, Queen's Park Rangers 2; Walsall 1, Exeter City 0.

Division Three North

Accrington Stanley 3, Darlington 0; Barnsley 3, Carlisle United 1; Bradford City 0, Chester 0; Halifax Town 0, Bradford 0; Mansfield Town 0, Gateshead 1; Oldham Athletic 4, Grimsby Town 0; Scunthorpe United 3, Crewe Alexandra 1; Southport 0, Tranmere Rovers 0; Workington 0, Hartlepool United 1; Wrexham 0, Chesterfield 2; York City 2, Rochdale 0.

Scottish—Division B

Airdreonnians 4, Queen's Park 2; Arbroath 1, Albion Rovers 0; Ayr United 1, Dunfermline Athletic 1; Brechin City 2, Third Lanark 1; Cowdenbeath 3, Dundee United 1; Hamilton Academicals 1, Stenhousemuir 1; St. Johnstone 2, Forfar Athletic 0.

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FIRST DIVISION

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JUVENTUS	5	5	0	0	16	2	10
HAKOAH	5	3	1	1	19	11	7
POLONIA	5	3	1	1	11	7	7
BOX HILL	5	3	0	2	6	11	6
BRIGHTON	5	2	1	2	11	11	5
MORELAND	5	2	0	3	8	6	4
J.U.S.T.	5	1	1	3	15	14	3
YALLOURN	5	1	1	3	12	12	3
FOOTSCRAY CITY	5	1	1	3	5	15	3
GEORGE CROSS	5	0	2	3	8	22	2

METROPOLITAN NORTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Lions	5	4	1	0	15	5	9
Fairfield	4	3	1	0	11	0	7
Coburg	5	2	3	0	18	4	7
University	5	3	0	2	8	8	6
I.C.I.	5	1	2	2	9	9	4
Bayswater	3	1	0	2	11	8	2
U.Y.D.	4	1	0	3	2	6	2
Heidelberg	4	0	1	3	6	26	1
St. Kilda	3	0	0	3	2	6	0

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Prahran	5	5	0	0	30	6	10
Slavia	5	5	0	0	29	7	10
Sunshine C.	5	3	1	1	8	12	7
Sth. Melbourne	5	3	0	2	15	7	6
South Yarra	5	2	1	2	9	8	5
Maccabi	5	1	2	2	9	16	4
Geelong	5	1	1	3	7	20	3
Park Rangers	5	1	1	3	8	21	3
Vic. Colts	5	1	0	4	10	19	2
Preston	5	0	0	5	8	17	0

THIRD INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sandringham C.	5	5	0	0	13	4	10
Sunshine United	5	4	0	1	10	4	8
Hellenic	5	3	1	1	26	9	7
Box Hill	5	3	0	2	20	7	6
Coburg	5	3	0	2	10	8	6
South Yarra	5	2	0	3	22	16	5
Moorabbin C.	5	1	1	3	12	15	3
Wilhelmina	5	1	1	3	16	32	3
Williamstown	5	1	1	3	5	17	3
Heidelberg	5	1	1	3	5	22	3

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Brunswick	5	4	0	1	22	7	8
Port Melb.	5	4	0	1	9	5	8
Yarra Park	4	4	0	0	10	6	8
Croatia	4	3	0	1	15	6	6
Rosebud	3	2	0	1	8	8	4
St. Albans	3	1	0	2	2	8	2
B.W.R.	5	1	0	4	4	17	2
Astor	4	0	0	4	5	18	0

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wilhelmina	5	5	0	0	41	3	10
Sandringham, C.	5	3	2	0	19	4	8
Hellenic	5	3	1	1	17	6	7
Richmond	5	3	0	2	15	14	6
Dandenong	5	3	0	2	15	16	6
Williamstown	5	2	1	2	18	9	5
Sunshine Utd.	5	2	0	3	13	22	4
Frankston	5	1	0	4	6	16	2
Moorabbin, C.	5	1	0	4	7	27	2
F.N.D.	5	0	0	5	4	38	0

FIRST INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Polonia	5	5	0	0	14	7	10
Juventus	5	4	0	1	18	4	8
Yallourn	5	2	1	2	6	5	5
Moreland	5	2	1	2	10	9	5
Hakoah	5	1	2	2	9	10	4
George Cross	5	2	0	3	7	10	4
Box Hill	5	2	0	3	9	13	4
Brighton	5	2	0	3	7	12	4
Footscray City	5	2	0	3	6	12	4
J.U.S.T.	5	1	1	3	4	8	3

SECOND INVITATION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine City	5	4	1	0	17	5	9
South Melb.	5	3	1	1	22	15	7
Wilhelmina	5	3	0	2	15	11	6
South Yarra	5	3	0	2	15	14	6
Preston	5	3	0	2	5	7	6
Prahran	5	2	0	3	16	13	4
Geelong	5	2	0	3	12	14	4
Slavia	5	2	0	3	5	11	4
Maccabi	5	1	0	4	10	15	2
Park Rangers	5	0	0	5	2	23	0

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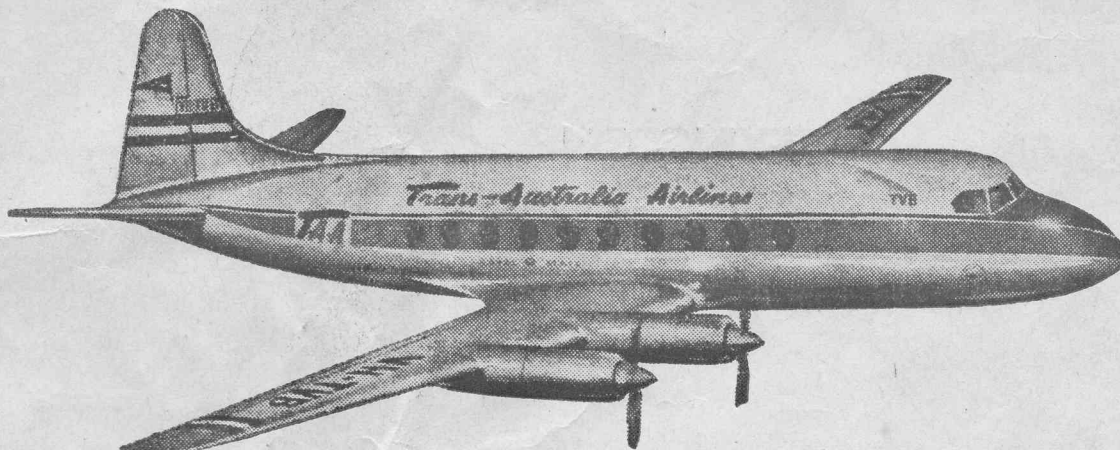
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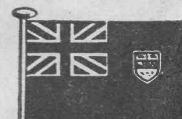
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